हिमाचल प्रदेश के शिमला जिले की चड़गांव तहसील में एल.पी.जी. एजेंसी का स्थापित किया जाना

698. **श्री वोरेन जे० शाह :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार लोगों की दरपेश कठिनाइयों को मद्देनजर रखते हुए, हिमाचल प्रदेश के शिमले जिले की चड़गांव तहसील में एक एल.पी.जी. एजेंसी स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) रोहड़ू तहसील निवासियों को एल.पी.जी. की सप्लाई करने वाली रोहड़ू सहकारी यूनियन द्वारा चड़गांव तहसील के कितने उपभोक्ताओं को एल.पी.जी. कनैक्शन आबंटित किए गए हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री (श्री एम. एस. गुरुपादस्वामी) : (क) और (ख) हिमाचल प्रदेश में शिमला जिले की तहसील चांदगांव में एल.पी.जी. की एक स्वतंत्र डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप स्थापित करने का इस समय कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है क्योंकि यह आर्थिक रूप से आत्मनिर्भर नहीं होगी।

(ग) रोहरु कोऑपरेटिव यूनियन चांदगांव तहसील में एल.पी.जी. का विपणन करने के लिए अधिकृत नहीं है।

Increase in the Capacity of M|s. Maruti Udyog Limited

699. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government are considering to increase the manufacturing capacity of M|s. Maruti Udyog Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Maruti Udyog Limited has not so far submitted any proposal to the Government for increasing its manufacturing capacity.

Setting up of Gasbased Crackers

700. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the ethylene potential for a cracker based complex in Assam as per EIL's report taking both surplus naphtha and LPG into account;

(b) what is the ethylene potential as per OIL's latest estimate for a cracker based complex in Assam based on gas alone;

(c) what is the Central Government's approach with regard to optimum utilisation of indigenous feedstock in view of flared gas in Assam; and

(d) whether Central Government prefer naphtha based crackers to gas based crakers inspite of the fact the former would mean recurring commitment of foreign exchange year after year for feedstock?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) The ethylene potentials indicated by EIL and OIL are based on various assumptions.

(c) and (d) Decisions in such cases are taken on techno-economic considerations.

Expansion of Barauni Oil Refinery

701. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Barauni Oil Refinery is going to be expanded so as to refine crude oil being drilled out from the oilfields of Assam;

(b) if so, what amount has been earmarked for the purpose;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision to expand the Bongaigaon Refinery also in the near future; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). The Barauni Refinery had undertaken a phased programme for the revamping of the units for fuel conservation and yield improvement. This is scheduled to be completed by December, 1990. With this, the crude processing capacity will also increase from 3.3 to 4.2 mtpa. A project for augmentation of utilities/off-site facilities at a total cost of Rs. 19.5 crores has also been improved to enable operation at 4.2 mtpa on a sustained basis. It is proposed to utilise this capacity for absorbing the anticipated surplus of crude produced in Assam by augmenting the crude pumping capability to the extent feasible.

(c) and (d) A proposal of Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited for expanding its present capacity of 1.35 million tonnes per annum by 1.0 million tonnes is under consideration of the Government.

Establishment of Heavy Industries in Sibsagar, Dibrugarh and Jorhat Districts in Assam

702. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for establishing heavy industries in Sibsagar, Dibrugarh and Jorhat districts of upper Assam keeping in view the availability of raw materials, such as natural gas, crude oil, tea, timber coal etc.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of industries set up in those districts at present?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) During the years 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990 (upto 30th April) 11 (eleven) proposals were received for setting up of industries in Sibsagar, Dibrugarh and Jorhat districts in the State of Assam. Out of these, 11 cases one Letter of Intent has been granted for setting up unit in Dibrugarh for the manufacture of Sulphuric Acid and Liquid Sulphurdioxide for a capacity of 15,000 tonnes and 1500 tonnes respectively are at various stages of processing. Another five proposals have not been agreed to.

Rural Electrification in Assam

703. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Assam which have been electrified so far;

(b) what is the number of villages which have not been electrified as yet;

(c) whether the targets fixed have been achieved during the last two years; and

(d) whether adequate funds have been released to the Assam Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b): As per available information in the State of Assam, 20984 inhabited villages have been electrified as on 31st March 1990 leaving behind 1011 unelectrified inhabited villages.

(c) The targets for village electrification in Assam during the last two years i.e. 1988-89 and 1989-90 were 2155 and 1703 respectively whereas achievement has been 1648 and 1439 respectively.

(d) Yes Sir, adequate funds have been provided to the Assam State Electricity Board for this purpose.